

**Mr Han 761**

**Chapter 761: You Guys Can Go and Rest Already**

It was Huang Yilun who personally went to fetch him and Lian Fang.

Lu Man and Huang Yilun's performance had been uploaded online by netizens already.

On the way there, Huang Yilun took out the video of Lu Man's performance to let the two teachers see it.

After seeing it, Ma Xianghuan and Lian Fang could not stop praising her either.

Ma Xianghuan even jokingly asked Lian Fang, "If it were you, how would you have performed it?"

Lian Fang smiled, very relaxed. "Me? I might not have been able to perform much better than Lu Man. But if it were me, I would probably have an advantage in age. After all, the Empress Wu at this time was already old. And no matter how well Lu Man acted like her, she's still a young girl. I can tell that she tried very hard to understand the thoughts of an old person, but a young person's aura is in her bones and cannot be removed. Her voice as well—even if she made it deeper, it's still the voice of a young person. Furthermore, it is very easy to give people some preconceived notions."

"But outside influences that cannot be changed aside, if we're only discussing performance, hers was really not bad. At least in school, it would be hard for her to meet an opponent."

"Sun Changfang and the rest, the marks they gave her were really too much," Ma Xianghuan said.

"If there's an opportunity, I really hope that you two elders can perform with Lu Man. Only when you are actually acting with her can you feel that kind of feeling, one which feels very addictive," Huang Yilun said. "While I was acting with her, the moment she opened her mouth, I forgot her age, forgot that she was just a student. And I could not help but treat her as a talented actor from the same generation as me and totally let myself go all-out while acting."

"It seems that your review of her is very high! I'm anticipating it a lot, then. If she can successfully enter the finals, we will still have the chance to see her performance live," Ma Xianghuan said with a smile.

Because of Huang Yilun's introduction, when they reached the event location, Ma Xianghuan and Lian Fang both roughly knew about the situation.

"I'm also very curious about how the younger generation of children performs," Lian Fang said, smiling. "As there's this kind of opportunity, I came over to take a look."

"This time around, thank you all for coming and helping me save the situation." Han Zhuoli smiled. "I trust that with you guys coming to be the judges, the audience would be very much at ease."

"Let's go, let's hurry and begin," Ma Xianghuan said. "We've already wasted a lot of time."

Han Zhuoli personally brought the three to the judges' seats.

Sun Changfang and the rest hurried to stand up.

Whether it was due to their seniority or their contribution to the acting industry, the status of both Ma Xianghuan and Lian Fang was extremely high.

No one dared to disrespect them here.

Upon seeing the three of them come, Sun Changfang gloatingly raised an eyebrow at Zhang Guangtao and He Shuxin.

These three people were most probably found and brought here to be judges.

If they were replacing only three people, then they would definitely be switching Zhang Guangtao and the other two out.

Sun Changfang was not scared at all.

“Teacher Ma, Teacher Lian,” Sun Changfang said, hurrying to greet them.

Ma Xianghuan and Lian Fang, when facing Sun Changfang, were both smiling as they greeted him and did not show any strangeness in their expression.

“Teacher Ma, Teacher Lian, you all are—” Sun Changfang smiled and began to ask.

“Haha, we’re here to join in the fun and be judges,” Lian Fang said, smiling.

“Oh.” Sun Changfang pretended to be confused and asked, “Then who are you three going to replace?”

Lian Fang continued to smile and did not say anything.

Ma Xianghuan continued to smile, not planning on opening his mouth.

Han Zhuoli said coldly, “Teacher Sun, Teacher Liu, Teacher Li, it’s been tough on you these last few days. From here on, you guys can go and rest. From today onwards, we’ll be handing the job of grading and judging the competition to these three teachers.”

## **Chapter 762: We Aren’t Giving Up the Judges’ Seat**

Sun Changfang’s smile fell immediately.

Zhang Guangtao and He Shuxin looked at each other, unable to help but show happiness on their faces.

Manager Hao had already used his position to confirm that Han Zhuoli would not switch them out, that even if they were to be changed, it would be because the six of them together were being switched out.

However, the two of them had still felt uneasy. Sun Changfang’s demeanor had been very confident, and even though they did not know where he got his confidence from, they had still been affected by it.

And now that they’d heard the organizers wanted to switch out Sun Changfang and the other two, Zhang Guangtao and He Shuxin let out a breath of relief. The smile on their faces became even more obvious.

Sun Changfang and the other two were stunned. “We were grading properly, so why... why are you switching us out?”

“Do you really not know why they are changing you guys?” Principal Liu, who’d walked over, said with a cold smile.

Han Zhuoli said coldly, “I was not at the event location in the competition before and did not know about the existence of the unfairness in the grading. But today, I came and saw it with my own eyes. The Chinese Arts Championships is being invested in by the Han Corporation and held by 23 schools together. The Han Corporation is willing to invest in the Chinese Arts Championships because we want to help develop the new generation of actors. The Han Corporation chose the six of you out of trust. But today, when I went to the event location, I saw a very unfair grading. It is unfair to the students participating and has ruined the Chinese Arts Championships’s reputation as well.”

“The Han Corporation’s original goal in investing in the Chinese Arts Championships is to make it clean and transparent, without any casting couches, without any background manipulators. We want to make it an open and fair competition in order to give every student a fair chance to compete, to let everyone have the same starting point. The Chinese Arts Championships have been held five times over the years, and never before has a disgusting situation like this one happened. The reputation of the Chinese Arts Championships cannot be ruined in your hands. The 23 schools present are all famous. The reputation of the schools cannot be ruined because of you, an outsider,” Han Zhuoli said in a low voice.

“Well said!” There were audience seats nearby and those seated had heard Han Zhuoli’s words.

After hearing about what had happened from the others, everyone else started to shout out.

Sun Changfang and the other two had totally red faces, and seeing He Shuxin and Zhang Guangtao’s smiling faces, they became even more embarrassed.

Being thick-skinned, Sun Changfang refused to admit his mistake. “Young Master Han, I don’t know what you are talking about, what did we do wrong? If you aren’t happy with us, you can just switch us out. But you saying that our grading is unfair and that it ruins the reputation of the Chinese Arts Championships, we refuse to acknowledge it. We can’t ruin the reputation of Chinese Arts Championships, but we won’t allow our reputations to be ruined either!”

“It’s alright even if you don’t admit it. After you’ve been stripped of your role as a judge, the Han Corporation will do an investigation on your unfair grading,” Han Zhuoli said coldly.

“Good job, Young Master Han!”

“Young Master Han did brilliantly!”

The audience members had started to shout.

“Sun Changfang, hurry and get off! Don’t shamelessly refuse to leave!”

“You aren’t admitting it? We all saw it! You still don’t want to admit to it?”

“We are all witnesses! Your grading is unfair!”

“Yes.” Liu Lijin saw that if she did not say anything now, her future and her career from now on were going to be ruined. Hence, she stood up.

At this moment, she could only be like Sun Changfang, refusing to admit anything.

Anyway, this matter about grading was very dependent on subjective assessment. So what if they graded slightly lower?

You can be unhappy about it, but you can't specifically say that something was wrong.

"We must make this thing clear. You can't wrongly accuse us. We can give up our seats as judges, but we can't give it up like this," Liu Lijin said. "If you can't clear up this misunderstanding, we aren't giving up the judges' seat. We won't let this competition continue either!"

### **Chapter 763: Lu Man Came to Slap Faces Again**

"I also think that way." Li Lingmei stood by Liu Lijin's side.

Now that the situation had become like this, the three of them could only retreat together.

Actually, until this moment, the three of them still could not understand why the situation had become as such.

It should not have been like this, and it should not be this serious.

It was just about an insignificant Lu Man, so how had things escalated to the point where it could not be solved?

Although the three of them were purposely still fighting on on the surface, they were already starting to regret it in their hearts.

If they'd known earlier, they would not have gone out to oppress Lu Man.

Sun Changfang felt even more troubled. He was regretting it in his heart, but he was still full of hatred at the same time.

And now, he was even angrier at Lu Man.

Before this, he did not like her because he was standing on the same side as his friend. Now, it had become his own personal vendetta.

Sun Changfang thought angrily in his heart that if he were to get the chance in the future, he would not let Lu Man off at all.

Yet now, he could not think about that and had to get over the current situation first.

Old Mrs. Han and Shen Nuo were both very short-tempered, and upon hearing the shameless words of those three, they instantly became so angry that they stood up.

Old Mr. Han pulled on Old Mrs. Han while Han Xijin comforted Shen Nuo. "Zhuoli is right there, why are you so anxious?"

At that moment, Lu Man had already walked over to stand in front of the judges' table where Sun Changfang originally sat. She bent to pick up a voice recorder near the chair.

"Do you want evidence?" Lu Man started to smile and stood up to stand next to Han Zhuoli.

When Han Zhuoli saw what she was holding, he mildly smiled and left it to Lu Man to do what she wanted.

Lu Man pressed the voice recorder, and Sun Changfang's voice rang out. "Lu Man would be eliminated no matter what today. Let's discuss how we should give marks to the following four people."

Following that, they heard Li Lingmei say, "How should we give marks? Based on the order, you'll be the first one to give marks, and after we are done giving marks, it will be Zhang Guangtao's turn. If we give them high marks, Zhang Guangtao and the rest could purposely reduce their marks to let Lu Man win. What do we do then?"

Sun Changfang and the other two's facial expressions changed.

They were especially familiar with these words.

They had said them just now.

At this time, Liu Lijin's voice rang out. "What Teacher Sun said has logic. We give marks that are reasonable. Even if they want to find problems with it, they can't. After all, we three are people with experience."

"With experience?"

Everyone's heart became colder and colder.

What experience?

Could it be that it was not the first time they'd done this as judges?

Did they often do this kind of thing in the past?

Otherwise, where could that kind of experience have come from?

"Then, in the competition after this, please take care of the children from our school, too."

"Don't worry. The three of us together, we can help to raise the results of the children from our schools."

Sun Changfang and the other two's expressions became worse and worse, and Liu Lijin and Li Lingmei became anxious.

They did not think that Lu Man would record their words!

When did this happen?!

"Enough! Stop playing it!" Liu Lijin said anxiously.

Lu Man obeyed and switched it off. Anyway, the parts that she wanted to let people know had already played out.

"I just found out that these three teachers don't care about the acting skills of the person when giving marks. Before the contestant comes on stage, before you watch their performance, you already know

whether their acting will be good or not, and you don't need to see their performance before giving marks." Lu Man smiled coldly. "I admire you guys, really."

"What else is there to say now?" Han Zhuoli questioned coldly.

### **Chapter 764: Get Off the Stage**

Even Ma Xianghuan and Lian Fang's faces became cold and were no longer warm like just now.

Originally, they had just treated it as them being prejudiced against Lu Man and making her marks a bit lower.

But looking at it now, they felt that those three no longer had the right to be teachers!

They'd caused a good competition to become a mess!

"You guys!" Ma Xianghuan kept shaking his head in anger. "Leave some face for yourself!"

He Shuxin did not think that the three of them were so shameless. "Hurry and leave now! The competition needs to continue."

The audience in front spread the information they heard to the others further behind.

The audience became extremely angry; even the participants present there also expressed their anger.

Han Zhuoli told the security officers, "Invite these three to sit off stage. If they don't want to watch the competition, then invite them to leave. Don't let them stay here and continue messing with the order of the competition."

"Sun Changfang, get off the stage!"

"Liu Lijin, get off the stage!"

"Li Lingmei, get off the stage!"

The audience members had started to yell in coordination.

Now that the situation had become like this, what else could Sun Changfang and the other two say?

Ma Xianghuan shook his head in pity. These three had a pretty good reputation for their acting skills and were addressed as teachers by people.

Otherwise, they would not have been chosen to be judges for the Chinese Arts Championships.

But the actions of these three people were really too disappointing.

Sun Changfang and the other two did not have the face to stay here. Sun Changfang left first, his face dark.

Liu Lijin and Li Lingmei could only follow behind.

But would it be over just like that?

Impossible.

Lu Man would not let them go just like that, and Han Zhuoli would not either.

Sun Changfang, who had targeted Lu Man first, aside, Liu Lijin and Li Lingmei did not do it to such a big extent during the preliminaries, and how they gave marks was still quite fair.

But the change in their attitude during the second round was very strange.

How could Han Zhuoli not check why that was so?

After the three left, this mess was finally ended temporarily.

Han Zhuoli invited Ma Xianghuan and the other two to sit at the judges' table. The workers had already cleaned it up, leaving no trace of Sun Changfang and the other two.

Before Han Zhuoli and Lu Man got off stage, the audience started to clap loudly.

"Good job, Young Master Han!"

"Lu Man 666!"

"Young Master Han showing his power!"

"Lu Man is too 6, how is her brain like?! How did she react so fast?!"

"Hahahahaha, Sun Changfang must have watched Lu Man acting for too long and forgot what Lu Man was originally doing."

"My Older Sister Man is no longer in Jianghu<sup>1</sup> or in the public eye, in this case.], causing Jianghu to forget her legend."

"Stop it, even I forgot that Lu Man used to do public relations."

"But this is really the first time I've seen Lu Man dealing with a situation that suddenly cropped up. Too 6! Lu Man's reaction is too fast!"

The audience had already started to live-stream what happened today online.

They posted the video of Han Zhuoli and Lu Man working together to get rid of Sun Changfang and the other two.

Some viewers commented, "Good job, Young Master Han. After finding out that the judges were not being fair, he reacted at once, cutting off the competition instantly and changing the judges to ensure that the competition is fair. The Chinese Arts Championships is still the fair Chinese Arts Championships it's always been."

Many audience members who were at the event location appeared online.

"That's right, you did not see wrongly. Han Zhuoli fired Sun Changfang and the other two, and he even sought out Teacher Ma Xianghuan, Teacher Lian Fang, and Teacher Huang Yilun to be judges! This kind of line-up can be used to blow up the entertainment industry!"

“This is just a school-level competition. To actually invite two senior artists to be judges, the Han Corporation is the Han Corporation for a reason. As expected of the top company in the industry!”

[a]Used to say “on scene, in an industry.” Please help clarify what you meant and check on the whole sentence as well. Thanks.

### **Chapter 765: Then What Should Lu Man Do?**

“They’ve changed the judges, fans. Don’t worry, your idols are all safe and can expect fair treatment.”

“It’s the first time I’ve seen Lu Man attack people live. It’s really too handsome. With just a few moves, she can attack Sun Changfang and the other two until they’re totally black-faced.”

“Haha, didn’t Sun Changfang say we don’t know anything? That we don’t know how to act and don’t understand their grading? He made himself sound so upright, but in the end? Sorry for criticizing the way you grade using your imagination. Being able to grade directly without looking at the performances, that skill is great. No wonder he’s a teacher, no wonder he knows the internal workings of acting.”

“Grading using your imagination, hahahahaha! That description is great!”

But there were also netizens who began to be worried.

“Even if they’ve now changed the judges, Lu Man’s turn has already ended. She already got her results, it can’t be changed now, right? Lu Man’s marks have been lowered out of evil intention. Even though the other three judges gave her full marks, her total score has been lowered by a lot. Because of that, Lu Man is very much in danger! Now the six judges are going to be fair, so Lu Man’s grades could be overtaken by the people behind. Anyway, this group has a lot of competitors. It’s not wrong to call it the group of death.”

“What you said has logic. Honestly speaking, the skills of the people in Lu Man’s group are not comparable to Lu Man’s. But Lu Man’s results have been pressed too low and it will not be easy to judge the outcome now. After all, to be able to come out on top of their own schools and enter this competition, then get in the top 50 out of 230 people, everyone has skills. If they are not careful and make a small mistake, they’ll be overwhelmed. I’m really worried about Lu Man. She has such good acting skills, I don’t want her to lose here. That will be a waste.”

“Didn’t they change the judges? Won’t there be a new grade?”

“That’s impossible. Teacher Ma Xianghuan and Teacher Lian Fang did not see Lu Man’s performance live, and those two have a very high expectation regarding performance. If they do not see it in real life once, they won’t give marks. But even if they let Lu Man act again, honestly speaking, it might not turn out to be better than her first time. Anyway, whether they let her perform again and give her new grades or retain the current state and marks without any changes, it is all very unfair to Lu Man.”

“The above poster is correct. And the people in the same group would probably be unwilling to let Lu Man act again. If the organizers choose to do that, the people in the same group would protest and it won’t be easy for the organizers.”

“So the most possible outcome would be them retaining the original results.”



It was not only the people on the Internet who were discussing this. The audience were doing so as well.

“Then what should Lu Man do?”

At that moment, the emcee hurried on stage to control the situation. “We are very sorry to have delayed the program for so long. Our competition will now continue. I’m sure that everyone here has seen that our new judges have arrived. Allow me to introduce them formally.”

The audience had long known this; they saw everything just now.

But they could not help being excited.

“Teacher He Shuxin, Teacher Zhang Guangtao, and Teacher He Shuxin will still be judges and remain unchanged. The three judges we’ve newly invited are as follows: Ma Xianghuan, Teacher Ma!”

Ma Xianghuan stood up and turned around to greet the audience.

The sound of the audience’s claps was resounding.

“Lian Fang, Teacher Lian.”

“Teacher Lian!”

“Teacher Lian Fang!”

### **Chapter 766: Barely Winning!**

“Teacher Huang Yilun!”

The audience exploded again. Finally, they could properly watch the competition.

They believed that the three teachers would be very different when judging.

“Now, let us continue the competition. May I invite the second contestant, Dong Jingxi?” After the emcee said that, she went off stage.

The whole stage became dark.

When the props for the stage were all set up, the lights on the stage slowly started to light up.

However, Dong Jingxi did not reach her peak condition when performing.

Because of Sun Changfang and the other two today, Lu Man had been affected. But similarly, the pace of the contestants after her also got messed up, and their mindset was also affected.

Adding on the fact that the three new teachers who were added to the judging panel were very important figures in the industry, the prospect of performing in front of them made their mindset explode instantly.

They wanted to perform to the best of their ability and leave a good impression in front of the judges.

And because Lu Man’s score was lowered, it gave them hope that they could win.

This made people's mindsets become messed up. The more they cared about it, the less they could relax and manage to show their normal practice result.

When it came time for them to perform, they did not manage to do it as well as they normally did.

Lian Fang told Dong Jingxi, finding it a pity, "I can tell that you wanted to act well and show the best performance. But the more you are like this, the more your mindset will have a problem and the more you'll use too much force. I believe that when you are practicing normally, you act well, but today, you did not manage to reach the standard you normally reach."

Ma Xianghuan said, "Your basics are not bad. They're very good, but you can't manage to make it natural. Like that scene when you hit the table, it seemed a bit too exaggerated. When performing, you need to be able to let out your emotions, but must keep it in sometimes as well. To show your anger, do not just keep shouting. It's not that the more you let go, the better it is."

The three people after Dong Jingxi all had the same problem of not being able to totally let out their emotions when they should and not being able to keep their emotions in when they should.

And in the end, the emcee went on stage. "After this, let me announce the overall results."

The audience members who were paying attention below had already calculated the results while the judges were giving marks.

Then they heard the emcee say, "The fifth place, from Donghua Academy of Drama, Wang Hanzhi with 43.2."

"Fourth place, from the National Media University, Liu Yingjie with 45.6."

"Third place, from the National Film Academy, Dong Jingxi with 49.8."

"Second place, from the National Drama Academy, Gao Qifeng with 51.9."

"First place," the emcee said.

The audience then shouted in an orderly manner, "Lu Man!"

"Lu Man!"

"Lu Man!"

"Lu Man!"

"Lu Man, from the National Film Academy, with a total score of 52.5!" the emcee said loudly.

"Congratulations, Lu Man, for successfully going to the next stage!"

Because her marks had been oppressed, she differed from the second place by only 0.6 marks.

That was barely winning!

"How scary!" The audience had been worried as well. "It was just by a bit, but thankfully, Lu Man won."

The Old Mrs. Han also kept saying, "What a close match, what a close match. If Lu Man had failed because of those three, that would really have angered people to death."

As of now, the National Film Academy already had three people successfully going to the next stage. Meanwhile, the National Drama Academy had two and Nan Hua Media University did not have a single one.

Smiling, Principal Liu went to find Principal Yang of Nan Hua Media University. "Our school thankfully has three people who made it to the next stage. You guys don't have a single one yet, but there are still five rounds to go. Continue working hard!"

Principal Yang hmpheh, ignoring him.

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When the second round of competitions fully ended, there were netizens who made a compilation of the competition videos and posted it online.

### **Chapter 767: Looking at Her, I Don't Think She Can Get into the Top Five**

There were even people who felt that the drama was not big enough and pitted Ni Xue and Lu Man's performance against each other.

Because the two of them played the same character from the same drama, it was very easy to place them side by side and compare them.

Now that the video had been made, Ni Xue was very obviously being totally trampled.

"Sun Changfang and the other two are blind, right? How could they give Lu Man lower marks than Ni Xue? It's good that those three got fired!"

Sun Changfang, Liu Lijin, and Li Lingmei had horrible reputations now.

The Han Corporation was asking them to take responsibility, but these three people had some brains and insisted that they wanted to get better results for their own school. They did not bring up Dai Rongcheng.

What was the use of bringing him up?

Dai Rongcheng did not bribe them.

He just greeted them, and to curry favor with Dai Rongcheng, they did not hesitate and agreed to what he wanted.

Now that they had already offended the Han Corporation, offending Dai Rongcheng as well was obviously a dumb move.

And so, they took all the responsibility.

But in the end, they did not commit a crime and did not break the law. They just went against the spirit of competition.

It was just that Sun Changfang and the other two did not seem to have made any losses.

In the short term, they did not notice any problems.

This caused Sun Changfang and the other two to relax as well, feeling like this issue was nothing big.

That day, the three of them made an appointment to drink tea together.

The smell of tea indoors was strong, and Sun Changfang wanted to show his tea-making skills.

“Haha, the three of us can relax now. The situation has reached this point yet we did not involve Secretary Dai. Like this, Secretary Dai can help us too,” Sun Changfang said as he smiled.

“We know that too. That’s why we did not expose Secretary Dai,” Liu Lijin said. “Even our principal wanted to do that. Anyway, we did not break the law or commit any crimes. The Han Corporation cannot call the police on us and investigate us, right? What can they do to us? There’ve just been some short-term effects on our jobs.”

Li Lingmei smiled and sneered, “What kind of effect are we even experiencing? I don’t feel any effect. The netizens online just berated us for a few days then stopped. We continued working. Nothing has been affected.”

“Yes. Teacher Sun’s new stage play is about to start showing, right?” Liu Lijin said with a smile. “At that time, we’ll all go and support you.”

Because of this, the three of them became closer.

“Hahaha, I’ll directly give you a few tickets that you can give to other people. Just give them to whoever you want to,” Sun Changfang said, also smiling.

“Haha, that Lu Man, she looks like she won this time, but she’s too good at making trouble. No matter where it is, people do not like this kind of troublemaking and disobedient person. She probably won’t make it far. She’ll be stopped upon reaching the top ten,” Li Lingmei said, smiling coldly.

“Yes. That Lu Man is not easy to control. If she really gets into the top five and enters The Performer, should trouble arise that affects the show negatively, what are they going to do? In this competition alone, because the results were not good and she was not satisfied, she brought in the audience and the netizens to make trouble. This caused the organizers to not be able to do anything but solve it, and it also almost caused a very negative effect on the Chinese Arts Championships. This kind of person that makes trouble wherever she goes, the kind that cannot be controlled, if she is allowed to enter The Performer, should the time when she is not satisfied with the judges’ grading and makes trouble again, Xing Ke Station would not look good. Xing Ke Station is not dumb. They won’t want this kind of person. Looking at her, I don’t think she can get into the top five,” Liu Lijin mocked.

## **Chapter 768: Losing His Job**

“Haha, if she can’t enter the top five, then all the trouble she made until now would be for nothing.” Sun Changfang continued to say a lot of bad things about Lu Man and finally felt better. He drank a mouthful of tea and let out a breath of relief.

At that moment, Sun Changfang’s phone rang.

He took it out and looked at the screen, then smiled at Liu Lijin and Li Lingmei as he explained, "It's the leader of our stage play group. Let me answer it."

"Go ahead," the two of them said, smiling.

Sun Changfang did not go out and picked up the call in front of them. "Hello, Director Wang?"

"Teacher Sun," Director Wang said. From his voice, it was obvious that he'd met with something that he was troubled with. He was hesitating and stammering.

"Director Wang, what is it?" Sun Changfang asked as he smiled.

"This... there's one thing... that I need to discuss with you," Director Wang said, feeling troubled.

Sun Changfang did not realize anything, and he was still smiling as he said, "Director Wang, whatever it is, just tell me directly. If I can help, I'll definitely help."

Director Wang laughed dryly and said, "It's like this. Regarding the stage play that we are about to start showing, *Marathon of Love*, the group has already discussed things and decided to let Teacher Liang who's just joined us attempt your part."

"What do you mean?" Sun Changfang's face changed instantly.

"This..." Director Wang said, feeling troubled. "Let me tell you the truth. The crew really has no other recourse. It's a very hard choice we've decided on after discussing it for a very long time. Do you remember what the netizens have said about boycotting you?"

"Could it be because of that?" Sun Changfang controlled his anger. "Those people were just randomly saying things. What is there to be scared of?"

Director Wang smiled bitterly. "The crew really thought that they were just randomly speaking before this and did not care about it. Otherwise, we would not have waited so long to make a decision, right?"

Sun Changfang finally felt that the situation was not very good. "What do you mean? Could it be that they're really boycotting it?"

Director Wang sighed. "Since the day before, all the ticketing sales outlets have had a large number of people asking for refunds for their tickets, and now the biggest ticketing sales outlet, Guo Pai Web, has already shut down the ticketing sales for *Marathon of Love*. This time, the stage play group has made big losses. It's not an exaggeration to say that this is the biggest loss we've made since we were formed."

"Originally, we had thought that this was a temporary thing, so even though the refunding of tickets has been happening since the day before, we did not tell you at all. Yet who'd have known that it would continue to happen until today? In fact, more and more people are asking for refunds. We just could not hold on anymore or we would not have made this kind of decision either," Director Wang said. "We did not think that those netizens would be so serious either, working together to boycott us. Teacher Sun, I hope that you can understand. Making this kind of decision was not easy for the group either."

"Alright," Sun Changfang said in a low voice.

Understand?

He could not understand!

The actor for his role was suddenly being changed.

Doing stage plays was different from filming movies and dramas. When filming movies and dramas, even after an NG, they could redo the scene.

But it was different for stage plays. There could not be any mistake, and when they were acting, they have a nervous mindset.

So they needed to repeatedly rehearse normally, to carve every line and every word into their heads. This way, when they went to perform on stage, there would not be a single mistake.

For this stage play, Sun Changfang had practiced day and night.

And now, they were telling him that they wanted to change the actor and not let him act?

He could accept that decision because he could not not accept it.

From that call that Director Wang gave him, it was obvious that the stage play team had already come to a decision and would not change it at all.

#### **Chapter 769: Breaking the Contract**

Even if he did not agree, it was of no use. He could only agree.

But to let him understand, to let him say that it was nothing to Director Wang, to calmly treat everyone the same way, that was not possible.

And so, Sun Changfang's tone became stiff.

Director Wang was on the phone and did not take it to heart at all.

In his heart, he was still thinking that Sun Changfang was probably feeling that what they did to Lu Man last time was right.

At that time, Sun Changfang had thought that he was a judge and could do anything he wanted. Meanwhile, Lu Man was a student with no ability. Even if she was being bullied, she could only keep quiet and let herself take a loss quietly.

Yet now, Sun Changfang was standing on Lu Man's position and had become the one who was being bullied.

It was just that Lu Man refused to let herself be at a disadvantage and finally caused them to take a loss.

And Sun Changfang did not have Lu Man's ability. He could only accept this loss.

"Teacher Sun, the situation this time, leave it as it is for now. Later on, the stage play team will publicize the change of actors." This was to try to reduce the losses as much as possible and make up for as much as they could. "Don't worry, when this thing dies down, the team will make it up to you. In the next show, we'll let you be the main lead."

Sun Changfang could not say anything else and could only agree.

After he hung up, Liu Lijin and Li Lingmei hurried to ask, "What is it? Did something happen with the stage play?"

Sun Changfang's face darkened. Before this, they were talking about how their jobs had not been affected. Yet right after that, he lost his job.

Sun Changfang forced a slightly stiff smile and said, "It's nothing. There were some changes to the team at the last minute. Someone else is going to be performing my role."

Liu Lijin and Li Lingmei felt relieved in their hearts. Thankfully, their side was not affected.

"Why did they suddenly change the actor? That's too much. Is it because of the Chinese Arts Championships' judging matter?" Li Lingmei asked.

Sun Changfang was currently very frustrated and did not want to reply at all.

Just as she was about to say something, Li Lingmei's phone rang as well.

She picked it up, and, after a while, they saw her suddenly stand up, worked up. "What? Why?!"

"Didn't you see the Internet? It's already become such a mess. We also do not dare to ask you to be a judge. Otherwise, if others were to say that there's been some shady deal, we wouldn't be able to afford that kind of losses. Even the Han Corporation doesn't dare to let you continue to be a judge for the Chinese Arts Championships. We are very lacking compared to the Han Corporation, and we, to an even greater extent, do not dare to let you be a judge," the other party said.

"The Internet? What happened on the Internet?" Li Lingmei found it strange.

The other party sighed and said, "You still don't know? Some netizen uploaded on the Internet what you said with Sun Changfang and Liu Lijin on the day of the competition. Now the Internet is talking about how you grade based on what you feel."

The netizens also had literary ability, calling it grading based on what she felt.

"So, Teacher Li, please understand, we really don't dare to use you. Otherwise, our viewership will flop, and who should we cry to?" the other party said.

"But we already signed a contract," Li Lingmei hurriedly said.

"Don't worry, it's us who are breaking the contract. We will definitely reimburse you based on the contract," the other party hurriedly said.

Now, what else could Li Lingmei say?

The other party was more willing to pay the fees for breach of contract than to work with her.

After she hung up, how could Li Lingmei continue to feel relieved?

Liu Lijin was very hesitant in her heart. Sun Changfang and Li Lingmei had both been affected, how could she avoid it?

Very quickly, it would be her turn.

As expected, not long after, Liu Lijin also received a phone call.

It was from a variety show. They had her on as an acting skills teacher, and her participation was canceled as well.

### **Chapter 770: You Are Really Too Generous**

How could the three of them be in the mood to continue drinking tea together?

They left the teahouse, expressions upset.

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There was a break between the second round and the third round of the Chinese Arts Championships to let students prepare.

After 50 people were reduced into the top 10, there was no longer a drawing of lots for choosing groups.

But they would still draw lots to pick the script for the competition.

It was different from the first round, where they got the script right before the competition, and the second round, where they got the script a day before the competition.

The second day after the third round ended, the 10 students who'd advanced all gathered at the National Drama Academy to draw lots for their scripts.

After they'd picked their scripts, there would be 10 days of rest and preparation time.

"In these 10 days, prepare well. Whether it's getting into the right mindset or practicing, that will depend on your own arrangements," Manager Hao said. "The rules of the third round are a bit different from the ones in the second round. In the third round of competitions, as you all already know, the script is already in your hands this early, and the time given for you to prepare is even longer than that in the second round."

"In the third round, you'll also be allowed to have someone act alongside you to help you complete the scene, but this time, you yourself will have to find the actors assisting you. Whether it's your classmate or good friend in the industry, anyone's fine, there are no restrictions," Manager Hao said.

Among the 10 people who'd entered the finals, there were some who were purely students, but most of them were people who had entered the entertainment industry a long time ago.

In the case of the National Film Academy and its rules, seniors like Li Zeyu and Ni Xue can feel free to accept shows and take up various activities.

Before they entered school, they had already become famous, but because of the rules of the National Film Academy, they could return to the entertainment industry and take on various jobs only when they were in year three.



Because of that, they did not lack for some good friends in the industry, and it would not be hard for them to invite them as guest actors.

Hence, the popularity of the guest actor and his or her acting skills would have a very big impact on how they do in the competition.

Everyone began to plan in their hearts.

Among the students who'd entered the third round of competition, only Ni Xue, Li Zeyu, and Lu Man were from the National Film Academy.

Lu Man was different from Ni Xue and Li Zeyu. She was still in school and had to go for lessons normally.

Ni Xue and Li Zeyu, on the other hand, did not really come to school often.

That day, Hu Zhonghui, who was Lu Man's manager, came to the National Film Academy to find Lu Man and also went to eat with her in the school's canteen.

Zheng Yuan and the other two also ate with them.

"Lu Man, about the third round of the competition, what are your plans?" Zheng Yuan and the other two moved their heads together and made it seem like they were coming up with some secret plan.

"I haven't thought about it yet. The third round is different from the previous two rounds. There was very little time for preparations during the first two rounds, and the difference in abilities between each person is not obvious. But the third round has ten days of preparation, and after getting the script, we need to adjust some things and arrange the script, as well as find people to act alongside. These are all very professional things, and I'm not sure where to start yet."

Lu Man looked at them and said, "Right, how about you guys act alongside me this time?"

"I really admire you, you are really too generous." Zheng Yuan held her forehead. "This is an important competition! Everyone is scared of making small mistakes, and they practically want to prepare for the competition with all the advantages they can get. You, on the other hand, are asking us to act alongside you."

Han Leilei hurriedly shook her head. "I can't act. I'm sure about my abilities. Don't just look at how my grades are close to the top within the class, because when it comes to performing, I'm still lacking. Look at how I did not even qualify for the actual competition, much less the finals. Acting opposite you, isn't that not helping you but instead making trouble for you? I can't, I can't."